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HERewith FULL TEXT OF KEN FREED PIECE SLUGGED "US-ISRAEL"

BEGIN TEXT

PRES CARTER AND ISRAELI SUPPORTERS IN THE SENATE REACHED
A COMPROMISE TODAY TO ALLOW THE JEWISH STATE SPECIAL
CONSIDERATION IN RECEIVING AMERICAN ARMS AND TECHNOLOGY,
CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES REPORTED.

THE COMPROMISE WAS WORKED OUT IN AN HOUR-LONG MEETING
AT THE WHITE HOUSE THIS MORNING BETWEEN CARTER, VICE PRES-
IDENT WALTER F. MONDALE AND SENS. JACOB JAVITS, FRANK
CHURCH AND OTHERS.

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THE MEETING WAS SOUGHT AFTER REPORTS CIRCULATED THAT CARTER
INTENDED TO LEAVE ISRAEL OUT OF A PREFERRED CATEGORY OF
NATIONS WHICH WOULD RECEIVE SHIPMENTS OF SOPHISTICATED
AMERICAN WEAPONS AND TECHNOLOGY AS WELL AS BEING ALLOWED
TO CO-PRODUCE KEY WEAPONS AND STATING THAT THE US SHOULD
TAKE NO ACTION TO DAMAGE ISRAEL'S MILITARY CAPABILITY.

AFTER THE WHITE HOUSE MEETING, THE SOURCES SAID CARTER AGREED TO A PROPOSAL BY SENS. HENRY JACKSON AND CLIFFORD CASE.

THEY ASKED FOR A PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION THAT WHERE RESTRICTIONS APPLY ON CO-PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFER AND SALE OF WEAPONS, THERE BE AN EXCEPTION FOR COUNTRIES "WHO ARE FRIENDLY TO THE US AND MUST DEPEND ON ADVANCED WEAPONRY TO OFFSET QUANTITATIVE AND OTHER" MATTERS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A REGIONAL MILITARY BALANCE.

WHILE NOT MENTIONING ISRAEL BY NAME, THE SOURCES SAID CARTER SPECIFICALLY HAD THE JEWISH STATE IN MIND IN AGREEING TO ISSUE THE DETERMINATION.

THE ONLY ADDITION THAT CARTER MADE TO THE JACKSON-CASE LANGUAGE WAS TO INSERT THE QUALIFICATION THAT AN EXCEPTION WOULD REQUIRE A PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION.

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S CONCESSION, CASE AND OTHER ISRAELI SUPPORTERS AGREED TO "SHELVE" ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS DEALING WITH CO-PRODUCTION.

THE PRESIDENT ALSO WORKED OUT A COMPROMISE WITH THE ISRAELI SUPPORTERS ON THE QUESTION OF SUPPLYING ISRAEL NEW F16 FIGHTER-BOMBERS.

CARTER REPORTEDLY SAID HE WOULD GIVE PROMPT CONSIDERATION TO LONGSTANDING ISRAELI REQUESTS FOR ENGINES AND TRANS-UNCLASSIFIED

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MISSIONS TO POWER THE JEWISH STATE'S NEW CHARIOT TANK.

AS PART OF THE TRADEOFF, SENS. CHURCH AND JAVITS AGREED TO MODIFY THEIR AMENDMENT DEALING WITH PAST US COMMITMENTS TO SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH NEW F16 FIGHTER-BOMBERS AS WELL AS ALLOWING THE JERUSALEM GOVERNMENT RIGHTS TO CO-PRODUCE THE PLANE.

THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT INCLUDED A REFERENCE TO A 1974 SECTION OF THE SINAI AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT WHEREBY THEN-SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER PROMISED ISRAEL LARGE NUMBERS OF F16'S AS WELL AS CO-PRODUCTION RIGHTS.

HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH THAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE WOULD BE ELIMINATED, CARTER PROMISED TO WRITE A LETTER TO SEN. HUBERT HUMPHREY ASSURING HIM THAT THE US WOULD HONOR ALL PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS CONCERNING ARMS SUPPLIES TO THE JEWISH STATE.

THE CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAID CARTER OBJECTED TO
HAVING SPECIFIC LANGUAGE EXPLICITLY CARRYING OUT A
PROMISE MADE BY KISSINGER.

THE COMPROMISE APPARENTLY CONCLUDES THE MOST SERIOUS
CONFRONTATION THAT HAS ARISEN BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATION
AND ISRAEL SINCE CARTER TOOK OFFICE.

THE ISRAELIS WERE CONCERNED THAT CARTER SOUGHT TO RESTRICT
THE JERUSALEM GOVERNMENT'S MILITARY CAPABILITY AS PART
OF A PLAN TO IMPOSE AN AMERICAN SOLUTION ON THE MIDDLE
EAST.

THE SOURCES SAID THE PRESIDENT APPARENTLY MISREAD ISRAELI
DETERMINATION ON THE MATTER AND DID NOT REALIZE THE
SUPPORT ISRAEL MAINTAINED IN THE SENATE.
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